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The Missouri Ethics Commission at its August 26, 2004, meeting took the following action:

1. Adopted two opinions.

a. Requested by Mr. Lee Alan Moore, regarding when a group must file a committee.

b. Requested by Mr. Todd LaSala, regarding lobbyist expenditures.

2. Issued good cause late fee rulings.

3. Voted to lower the copy charge rate to 10 cents per page.

4. The Commission also reviewed 24 complaints, ruling as follows:

Two complaints alleging an Alderman and Mayor are also employed by the City (section 105.458 RSMO). These cases were closed with letter of admonition.

---E4035 Jeff Burton, Clay County

---E4036 Hans Habighorst, Clay County

A complaint alleging a school used public funds to support a bond issue (section 115.646 RSMo). This case was closed with letter of admonition.

---E4039 Maplewood Richmond Heights School District, St. Louis County

A complaint alleging a committee failed to file as a continuing committee (section 130.041 RSMo). This case was closed with letter of admonition.

---E4097 Firefighters to Elect Cathy Wooldridge, St. Louis County

A complaint alleging a violation of failure to form a committee (section 130.021 RSMO) and failure to file campaign reports (section 130.046 RSMo). This case was closed with a letter of admonition.

---E4112 Zacharey Keys, St. Louis County

A complaint alleging use of position for financial gain (section 105.452 RSMo). This case was closed with letter of admonition.

---E4127 Gary Hall, Grundy County

A complaint alleging violation of failing to carry forward debt on report (section 130.041 RSMo). This case was closed with letter of admonition.

---C4172 Judy Baker, Boone County

A complaint was referred to the Office of the Attorney General for exceeding the \$1000 threshold of exemption candidates (section 130.016.6 RSMo).

---E4126 Fern Ward, Cole County

The following nine complaints were referred to the Commission's private legal counsel for alleged misuse of taxpayer funds for publication of political material (section 115.646 RSMo).

---E4118 City of Parkville

---R4172 City of Parkville

---E4090 Francis Howell School

---E4061 Grandview Consolidated School District

---E3478 St. Charles County Convention & Sports Authority

---E3513 St. Louis Public Schools

---E4119 Southern Platte County Fire Protection District

---R4170 Southern Platte County Fire Protection District

---R4171 City of Kansas City

Cases against the following people or groups were dismissed as the allegations were unsubstantiated.

---E4121 Cathy Wooldridge, St. Louis County

---E4120 Johnny Clark, Stoddard County

---E4125 Veronica O'Brien, St. Louis City

---E4130 Karl Timmerman, Johnson County

---C4167 Rick Stumpff, Stone County

---E4131 Real Improvement for School Excellence, St. Louis County

---E4129 Sam Hamra, Greene County